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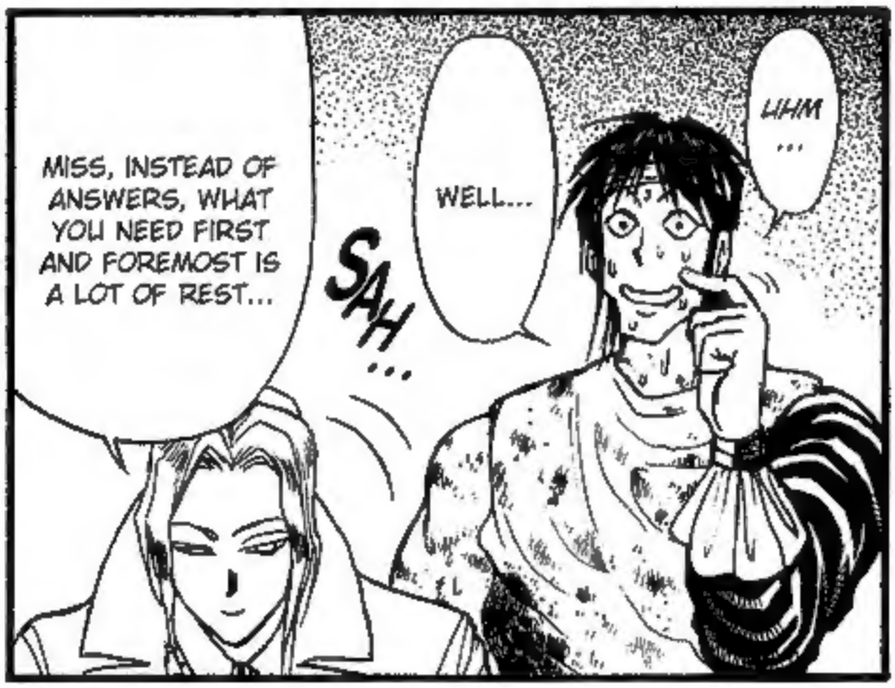
THANK YOU...
PLIC PLIC
I CAN'T BREATHE...
GUHH
UHM... MISTER...
IT'S STRANGE... NARUMI IS THE ONE WHO DID THE SAVING, BUT HE'S THE ONE WHO'S CRYING!
MAYBE SOME WEIRD ORIENTAL PECULIARITY ...
...THE CHANCE TO SAVE YOU ALL!
FOR GIVING ME...

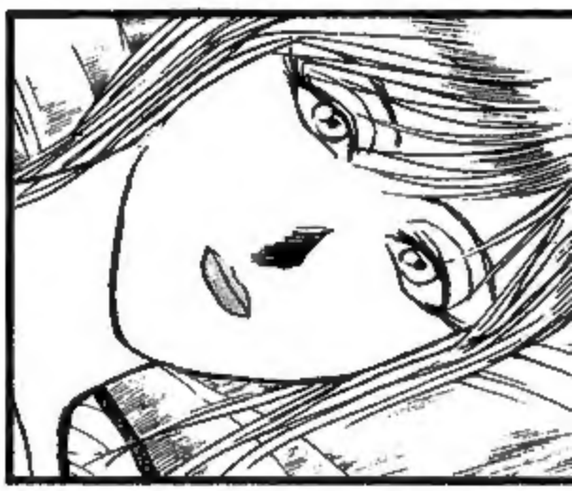
GUY... YOU HAVE MADE MUCH PROGRESS IN DESTROYING THE AUTO-MATONS...
...BUT YOU STILL HAVE MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT HUMAN NATURE.
HUH?
THOSE ARE THE TEARS OF A MAN...
WHO WAS FINALLY ABLE TO SHOW AND PROVE THE WORTH...
OF HIS STRENGTH.
VRROMM
PIN PON
PIN PON
BLA BLA BLA
PIN PON
PIN PON

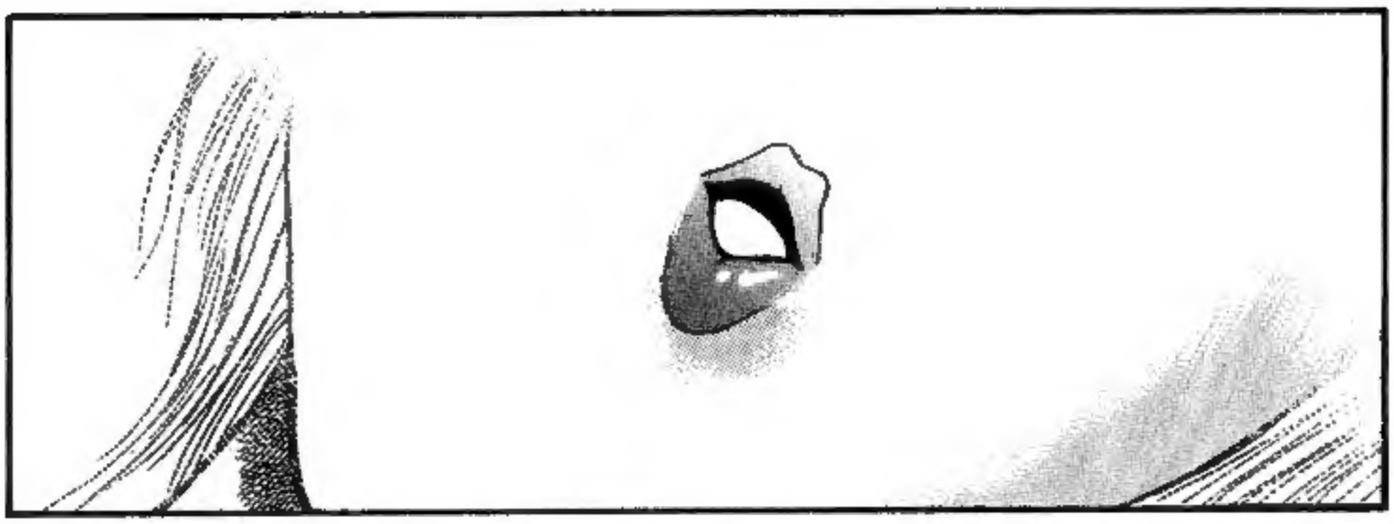
HOW...
...COULD I HAVE COME BACK TO LIFE?

YOU MUST FORGET THIS TERRIBLE INCIDENT.
BUT...


MISS, INSTEAD OF ANSWERS, WHAT YOU NEED FIRST AND FOREMOST IS A LOT OF REST...
SAH...
WELL...
UHM...

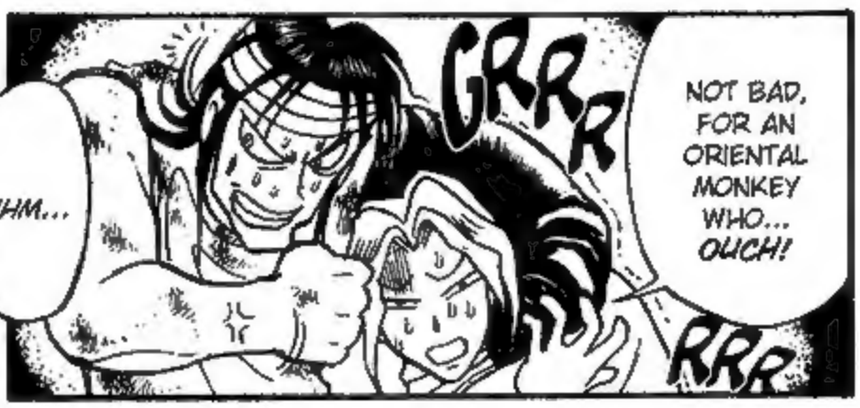
...NEVER!
THANK YOU, FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...





...FOR SAVING US.
THANK YOU, MISTER...

SAY, NARUMI! YOU'RE A REAL DON JUAN!
YOU'VE ALREADY STOLEN THE HEART OF A PRETTY FRENCH GIRL!

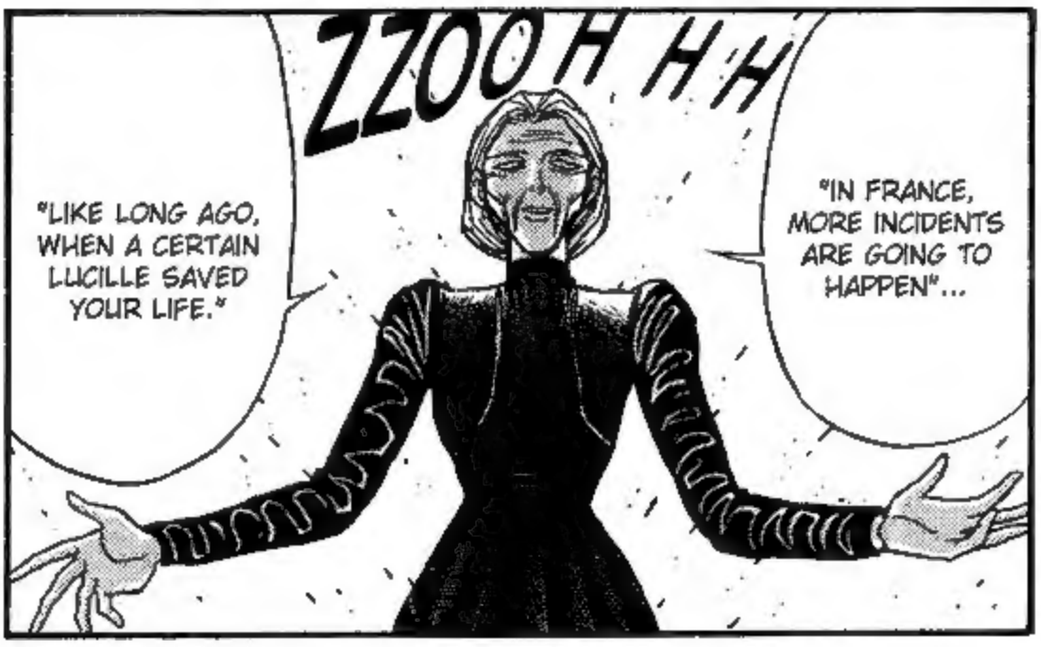

UHM...
GRRR
NOT BAD, FOR AN ORIENTAL MONKEY WHO... OUCH!
RRR

HA HA... IT'S NOTHING, REALLY!
LOOK, YOUR PARENTS CAME TO GET YOU!
AH! DADDY !!!
ANDREW !
EMILY! EMILY!
!
I WANNA BE LIKE YOU ONE DAY...
YOU'RE VERY STRONG, MISTER ...
TON
HAHAHA

ONE DAY...
DAAHHH
PAUL! MY DARLING !!!
YOU'LL BE...
...EVEN STRONGER THAN ME!!!
TAN TAN TAN

DO YOU KNOW OF A CAPTAIN WHO GOES BY THE NAME OF GUSTAVE LINDON?
GUSTAVE?! OF COURSE! HE'S MY BOSS!

NO.
CAN I STILL NOT ASK YOU WHO YOU ARE?


ZZOOHHH
"LIKE LONG AGO, WHEN A CERTAIN LUCILLE SAVED YOUR LIFE."
"IN FRANCE, MORE INCIDENTS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN"...

IS THAT SO? SUCH A YOUNG MAN HAS BECOME YOUR CAPTAIN?! PLEASE TELL HIM THIS...

THAT'S RIGHT! I HAD FORGOTTEN TOO! I SHOT HIM WITH MY PISTOL!
HA HA HA!
...HAD YOU FORGOTTEN?
YOU DAMN... DAMN SHIROGANES !!!

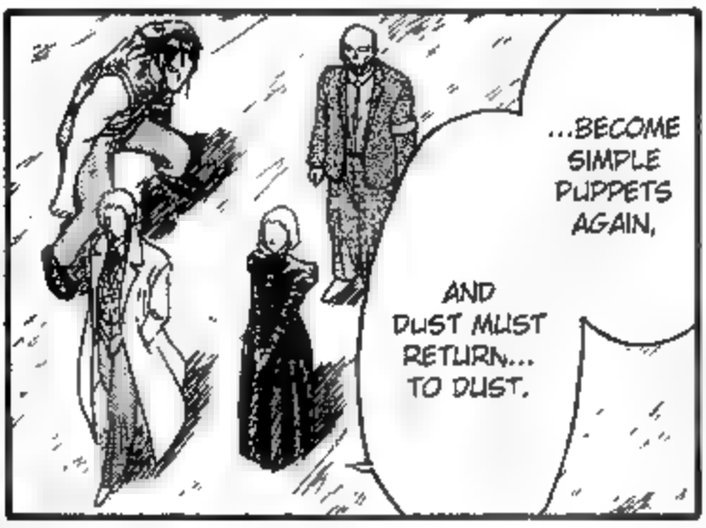
...WHO ARE YOU REALLY?
YOU... SHIROGANES...

GLOUPS
OW OW OW! THAT'S RIGHT, SHE SHOT ME!!!

ZNN
VLOW
OUCH!
SHH
SAH
PLOP
ZON
YES... IT WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO DIE SO EASILY.
IS THAT BECAUSE OF THE AQUA VITAE?
...HUH?! THE WOUND DISAPPEARED BY ITSELF!
...CAN FIGHT AGAINST AUTOMA-TONS.
THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE SHIRO-GANES...

AUTO-
MATONS
MUST...

THAT IS THE
MISSION OF
THE SHIRO-
GANES...


...BECOME
SIMPLE
PUPPETS
AGAIN,
AND
DUST MUST
RETURN...
TO DUST.

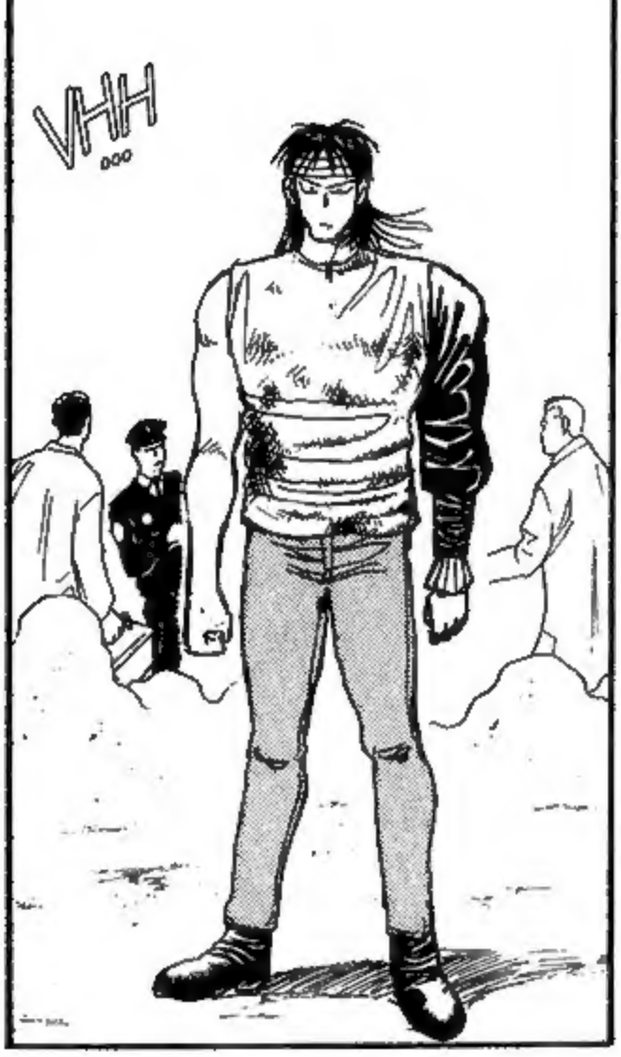
ZAZOOM
WE MUST
LEAVE, GUY.
YES.

UH...
WE...L...
SO, NARUMI ...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

IF YOU WANT TO STOP HERE...
...WE WILL LET YOU GO.

IF I UNDER-STAND YOU CORRECTLY, YOU DON'T INTEND TO LISTEN TO US... YOU ARE NOT EVEN PLANNING TO KEEP OUR SECRET, RIGHT?
IF YOU KEEP ACTING LIKE THIS, YOU WILL ENDANGER ALL SHIROGANES.
YOU ARE QUITE THE UNORTHODOX SHIROGANE.
SO...

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ASK THE LIEUTEN-ANT FOR A ONE-WAY TICKET TO JAPAN.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SO?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

BUT... WHAT WILL I DO WHEN I REACH MY LIMIT?
THE ONLY THING I'VE GOT GOING FOR ME IS MY STRENGTH.
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED IF ONE DAY, I WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ANYTHING...

...A QUESTION THAT'S ALWAYS BOTHERED ME.
THERE'S ...

..."WHAT GOOD IS IT TO BE STRONG?"

...MY ANSWER!
ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT I FEEL...
TODAY, FINALLY...
I'VE FOUND...

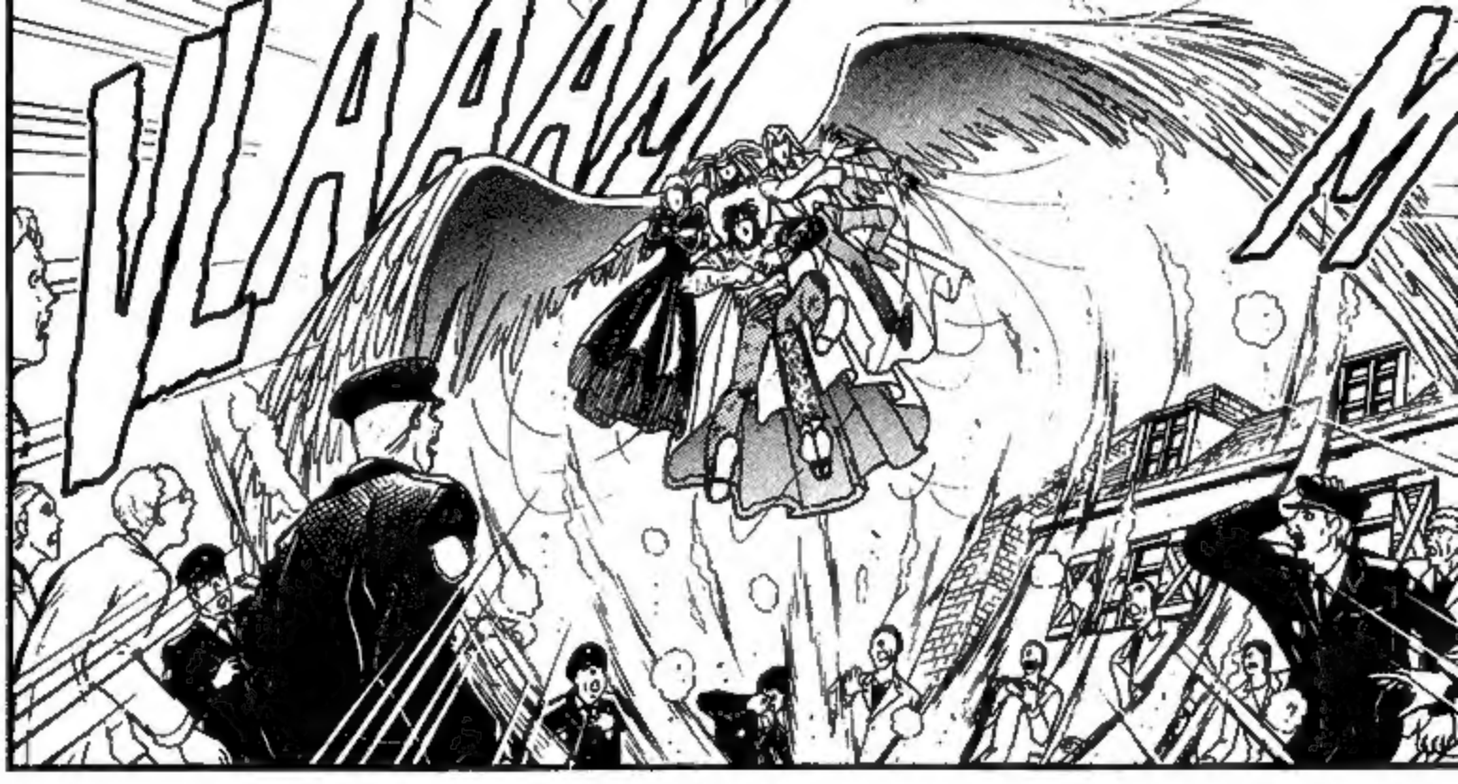
...TO ALL THOSE QUESTIONS I'VE BEEN ASKING MYSELF FOR SO LONG!
...I'LL BE ABLE TO FIND MORE ANSWERS...
I THINK...
SO, IF I GO WITH YOU...

SO, FROM NOW ON... IF YOU WANT...
I'LL PREVENT THEM FROM SPREADING ZONAPHA'S SYNDROME.

AND THEY'LL NEVER EVER SUCK A DROP OF BLOOD FROM A KID AGAIN.

I'LL FIGHT THE ALITOMATONS...
SO I'LL GO WITH YOU...

...
"SHIROGANE"!
...YOU CAN CALL ME...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SHIRO-
GANE...

NARUMI, I HAD TO DO IT, YOU KNOW...
I'M SORRY! I APOLOGIZE! BUT LUCILLE HAD JUST SHOT ME!
YOU HIT ME, REMEMBER?
Look, I have a bruise here...
HUH? WHAT?
HEY, NARUMI... YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT SO EASILY.
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT?!
KARAKURI CIRCUS